SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION IS THE CHIEF THING FOR US RIGHT NOW

sideration. Saturday a majority of the board of school trus-tees is to be elected. A dozen candidates have announced for the four places, and the bailots will be so arranged that voters must prepare themselves to pick among the names

and mark those it is desired to select.

One woman is a candidate. A great many citizens have pledged themselves to vote for her, and many others will do so without previous pledge. It is felt by many that the school board is one public institution wherein women can perform useful functions different from those naturally performed by men administrators; no one doubts the ability of women to attend to work of this sort. Most men will wote on the question rather impersonally, according to their con-

ception of public policy. If Mrs. Rawlings is to be elected, it must be by the elimination of one of the four present members of the board standing for reelection. In view of the circumstances under which the opposition men candidates were chosen and announced, it is bardly to be conceived that the friends of the public schools will displace the present members to make public schools will displace the present members to make room for the purely political opposing candidates. The movement to oust the present members was boldly au-nounced as a partisan political movement, and it would be unfortunate if such a deliberate and raw attempt to rein-troduce the coarse methods of local machine politics into the school system were to be sanctioned by the voters. After the opposition began to experience unexpected difficulties, its participants in some instances acknowledged that they were merely after the job of the superintendent of schools -that they disliked him and wanted him out. Such a per-sonal fight through irregular channels on the professional

head of the schools is unworthy of any support whatever. Messra. Freudenthal, Hawley, Stevens, and Whitaker are the present members whose terms are about to expire and who are standing for reelection. They are making no campaign and simply rest on the record they have made in office. They and their friends feel that the usefulness of officials in such positions increases after a period of service, and they desire to remain to work out certain broad policies which have been inaugurated. The board as it stands is nonpartisan or bipartisan, and from no quarter during its term of service have there come intimations that it has played politics with the schools. The present board is the nearest to a nonpolitical board the city has enjoyed for many years.

Striving for some excuse for their activity, opponents of the present members are making all sorts of charges which are not supported by the records. It is inevitable that there should be wide differences of opinion over matters purely administrative and discretionary such as those handled by the school board. Criticism, when just, is legitimate and desirable; and it is not hard to find things to criticise. But critics ought to have their facts ready.

On two points the performance of the present board and of the superintendent under the board's direction appears to merit approval rather than the reckless general criticism that

WAR or no war, the ordinary business of living has to go forward just the same. El Paso has two elections on hand now, one this Saturday and another truesday. Both are important and deserve thoughtful consideration. Saturday and deserve thoughtful consideration. Saturday and another truesday. Both are important and deserve thoughtful consideration. 31 percent in San Diego to 39 percent in Spokane and Los Angeles, 45 percent in San Jose, 48 in Salt Lake, and 55 per-

> The per capita cost of public education in El Paso is far lower than that of other progressive cities in the east, mid-dle west, or west. Per capita costs in many New England cities are 50 percent higher, in some nearly double. One of the best statistical tests to determine whether

extravagance is being practiced is in the comparative costs year by year, per pupil attending the schools. The figures bearing on this show a tendency to lower and lower cost per pupil, so that while the cost per pupil in 1910-11 was \$45.87, in 1911-12 \$39.68, in 1912-13 \$45.12, the figure had fallen in 1915-16 to \$37.81, although the figure last cited includes large additions to playground costs not previously included.

As to general efficiency and public service, there has been a marked improvement in the schools during the recent past. a marked improvement in the schools during the recent past. The school board has shown a wider comprehension of its responsibility than some of its predecessors have shown. It has striven to do the best possible with the funds available, for all parts of the city and all sections of the population. Only by an exhaustive detailed analysis school by school could the proofs of this increase in efficiency be demonstrated, but anyone interested in knowing the truth can find it in reportly exhibited reports of the school amilion and it in recently published reports of the school auditor and the superintendent, or better yet by personal inspection of the schools themselves and interviews with teachers and pupils. No one need expect to find perfection or near it; but pupils. No one need expect to find perfection or near it; but that there has been general improvement over previous conditions is beyond controversy. And comparative tests indicate that El Paso rates well above the average of American cities in general scholastic efficiency.

The retiring members of the old board should receive the preference in the balloting Saturday unless individual voters have some special reason for choosing Mrs. Rawlings in place of one of the four men standing for reelection.

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Friends of the schools cannot afford to let the election go by default. The vote should be large. If the voters turn out in respectable numbers there will hardly be a doubt of the final results.

A Naval Officer of Character.

THE first class at Annapolis having been graduated, furnishing nearly 200 officers to the United States navy, there is interest in the fact that first honors were taken by midshipman, now ensign, Frederick Haeberle

The young officer holds the distinction of being the first Annapolis midshipman to be commander of his class and editor of the academy annual publication, The Lucky These are the two highest bonors within the reach

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Short Snatches From Everywhere

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Gen. Carranna has issued a decree reestablishing the capital of Mexico at the City of Mexico. Does that end the movement to remove it to Berlin? —Kansus City Times.

Things are getting to be so hot for the Germans that the kaiser's only ex-planation to them can be that they are approaching that "place in the run."—New York Herald.

Fig. "New York Herald.

It's all in the point of view. While America is raging at the wholesale plotting done by Yon Bernstorff, the kaiser in just no wrathly because he did not do enough.—Washington Herald.

Which is the saidest work of tyrants dressed in brief authority—to set Bouck White raising and lowering the juil flor, or to intern German sailors from Philadelphia in a state where there is no beer?—New York World.

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OW the April rain is dripping and the April birds are yipping, and the fields the colts are skipping, and the hungry calves lament; there's no danger now of freezing, we are done with colds and sneezing, spring across the world is breezing, winter's sulking in his tent. April is the month enchanting, April, when we all go planting, where the gentle rain is slanting from the clouds that quickly break; April is the month, dear reader, when we grind the plow and speed quickly break; April is the meath, dear reader, when we grind the prow and speed her, and set out the elm and cedar, and do things with hoe and rake. Spring is full of charms and graces, bringing smiles to all our faces, driving off the haggard traces of the winter's stress and strain; now the little pigs are playing, and the speckled hens are laying, and we chortle while we're straying in the sunshine and the rain. Winter's aches and pains forgotten, we are planting prunes and cotton, where the soil is rich and rotten, 'twist the pigpen and the barn; maybe all the plants we cherish, will curl up and wilt and perish when the sun is hot and garish, but we do not care a darn.

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American countries, as well as in Latin Europe, many churches stage realistic representations of the tragedy of Calvary. In the larger churches and cathedrals these services are very dramatic and solemily impressive, but in some of the rural churches of Mexico and Central America they are so crude as to seem grotesque. On Good Friday and Good Saturday the Mexicans and Central Americans burn Judas Iscariot in effigy. In the City of Mexico and other Latin rapitals every park and plaza is the scene of such burnings.

Good Friday in England is also known as Black Friday, Suffering Friday, Marble Day and Long Rope Day. In Essex and Sussex It is called darble Day by all the youngsters. The lads gather outside the church gates at dawn and play marbles until suits of the boy to play marbles not listed day, which marks the official beginning of the season for that pasitions.

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